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1. ON TUESDAY, MAR 14 PRESIDENT OF TELEDYNE-RYAN TEK WILSON AND V.P. RAY PEET PLUS STAFF CALLED ON AMBASSADOR TO INQUIRE ABOUT HIS UNDERSTANDING OF WHY RPV LOA HAD NOT BEEN ACCEPTED BY GOE, AND TO STATE THEIR INTENTION OF SEEKING APPOINTMENTS WITH EGYPTIAN AIR FORCE AND MIN. WAR OFFICIALS TO ASSESS FUTURE PROSPECTS.

2. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED GAMASY'S POSITION (REF B) ON FUNDS AND PRIORITIES AND FURTHER SAID USG HAD NO REASON TO QUARREL WITH THE DECISION TO DEFER CONSIDERATION OF THE RPV LOA. AMBASSADOR DID, HOWEVER, POSE NO OBJECTION TO THEIR PROPOSED MEETINGS.

3. ON 18 MAR PEET CALLED TO DEBRIEF ON MEETING WITH GAMAS WHO CONFIRMED TO TELEDYNE-RYAN THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT GOE WAS STILL INTERESTED IN RPV'S WHICH WERE AMONG HIS TOP THREE PRIORITY ACQUISITIONS. GAMASY
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TOLD TELEDYNE-RYAN TEAM THAT HE WOULD BE SEEING SADAT THIS WEEKEND TO REVIEW MILITARY ACQUISITIONS. HE ANTICIPATED THE RESULT WOULD BE A LETTER TO KING KHALID REQUESTING ABOUT \$450 MILLION. GAMASY PROMISED TELEDYNE-RYAN HE WOULD, IF ALL WENT WELL IN HIS MEETING WITH SADAT, CONTACT AMBASSADOR AND REQUEST THAT THE PEACE SPHINX BE REEXTENDED UNTIL 1 JUNE. IN ANY CASE,

ACCORDING TO PEET, GAMASY WOULD NOT ACT ON THE RPV LOA UNTIL THE F-5 SALE HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE CONGRESS.

4. DMI M/G SHAWKAT HAS REPEATEDLY TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT GAMASY HAD BEEN BROUGHT AROUND TO A RECOGNITION OF THE EGYPTIAN MILITARY'S URGENT NEED FOR RPV'S FOR RECONNAISSANCE PURPOSES, ESPECIALLY IN THE WESTERN DESERT AREA; SHAWKAT OPINED WE WILL SHORTLY HEAR FROM GAMASY ASSUMING SAUDI FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE, TO SIGN LOA.

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